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- JUNE 1978
- 1. UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUED TO RISE IN NEW ZEALAND DURING JUNE WITH A TOTAL OF 41,280 (3.4 PERCENT) UNEMPLOYED ON JUNE 30. SUBTOTALS ARE 24,035 REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED AND 17,245 EMPLOYED UNDER GOVERNMENT SPECIAL WORK SCHEMES.
- 2. SEVENTEEN OF THE TWENTY-TWO EMPLOYMENT DISTRICTS RECORDED AN INCREASE IN REGISTERED JM SEEKERS IN JUNE. VACANCIES AT END OF JUN TOTALED 1469.
- 3. GNZ CONTINUES TO PROTEST THAT THE 17,000 UNDER SPECIAL WORK SCHEMES SHOULD NOT BE COUNTED AS UNEMPLOYED, BECAUSE THEY ARE WORKING IN SPECIAL CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS AT A NATIONAL AVERAGE RATE OF PAY. NZ MEDIA AND MOST OF PUBLIC, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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AGGREGATE SPECIAL WORK SCHEME LABORERS INTO UNEMPLOYED TOTALS.

4. TOTAL NUMBERS OF REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED AND PERCENTAGE OF 1.2 MILLION WORK FORCE UNEMPLOYED OR IN SPECIAL WORKS CONSTITUTE FURTHER NEW POST-DEPRESSION HIGHS FOR NEW ZEALAND. UNEMPLOYMENT IS EXPECTED TO

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